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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – AIS – Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, SP Nandyal District – Disciplinary action – Charges framed – Statement of Defense – Called for.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

GO Rt No. 905 Dated: 12.05.2024
Read the following:

1. From the CEO & EO Prl. Secretary to Govt., AP, AP Secretariat, Amaravathi UO Note NO.5105/Elections.A3/A1/2024, dt.12.05.2024
2. From the DGP, AP Lr Rc.NO.580/Z.Genl.Elecs/2024, dt.12.05.2024.

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Order:

In the circumstances reported in the references read above, Government have decided to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, SP Nandyal District under Rule 8 of AIS (D&A) Rules, 1969. The substance of misconduct and misbehavior in respect of which disciplinary action is proposed to be initiated in set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges as Annexure-1.

2. A statement of imputations failure in allowing unauthorized crowd to assemble even with Section144 CrPC in place and MCC in force, deploying insufficient police force for crowd control and not taking enough measures to maintain law and order in Nandyal Town on 11.05.2024 in support of the articles of charge, together with the list of documents by which and the list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge proposed to be sustained, are enclosed as Annexure-II, III and IV respectively.

3. Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, SP Nandyal District is directed to submit his Written Statemet of Defense and also state whether he desires to be heard in person, within 15 (Fifteen) days of receipt of this order.

4. Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, is informed that an inquiry will be held, only if the articles of charge are not admitted and I case if it is considered necessary. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny the Articles of Charge.

5. Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, is further informed that if no written statement of defense is filed within the time specified in Para 3 above, or if he does not appear in person before the Inquiry Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the

provisions of Rule 8 of All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969 or the orders or directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, action will be taken against him on the basis of the material available on record, on the ground that he has no explanation to offer.

6. The attention of Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, is invited to rule 18 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, according to which no Member of Service shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings, it will be presumed that Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, is aware of such representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 18 of the All India Service (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

7. This order is sent to of Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, in duplicate. He is directed to acknowledge the receipt with date on the duplicate copy and return the same to the Government immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr.K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, SP Nandyal District
SP, Nandyal District (W.E.) (through the DGP, AP)
Copy to:
The DGP (HoPF), A.P. for taking necessary action.
The Secretary to Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training, North Block, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110001
The General Administration (SC.E) Department
SF/SC

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE – 1

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAGHUVEERA REDDY, IPS, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, NANDYL DISTRICT

Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Nandyal, from 05.02.2024 exhibited gross negligence of duty by allowing unauthorized crowd to assemble even with Section144 Cr.P.C. in place and MCC in force and by deploying insufficient police force for crowd control and he failed to take enough measures to maintain law and order in Nandyal Town on 11.05.2024 at the time of a public meeting held by the leader of the opposition in connection with the General Elections, 2024.

Thus, Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Nandyal, by his above mentioned acts exhibited gross dereliction of duty, misconduct and lack of devotion to his legitimate duties and acted in a menner that is unbecoming of such employee and thereby, he violated Rule 3(1), 3(2), 3(2B)(xiii) of All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Hence, the Charge.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAGHUVEERA REDDY, IPS, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, NANDYL DISTRICT

Article of Charge

Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Nandyal, has been working as Superintendent of Police, Nandyal since 03.04.2022. His name is mentioned as Charged Officer hereinafter. As per the Preliminary Enquiry Report Rc.NO.184/SB-NDL/2024, dt.11.05.2024 of the Superintendent of Police, Nandyal District and further information, he exhibited gross negligence of duty by allowing unauthorized crowd to assemble even with Section 144 Cr.P.C. in place and MCC in force and by deploying insufficient police force for crowd control and by not taking enough measures to maintain law and order in Nandyal Town on 11.05.2024 at the time of a public meeting held by the leader of the opposition in connection with the General Elections, 2024.

Basis of the Charge:

On 11.05.2024, the Leader of Opposition had a fixed a programme to hold a public meeting in Nandyal Town after taking prior permissions from the concerned officials. However, on the same day at the same time, Sri Shilpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy, YSRCP contesting candidate from Nandyal Assembly Constituency and thousands of people gathered in front of the house of the aforesaid contesting candidate without obtaining prior permission of the police and the concerned officials. Meanwhile, one celebrity of file industry viz. Sri Allu Arjun along with his wife Smt Sneha Reddy arrived at Nandyal town. At 11.45 hrs., about 1000 youth / fans aged between 16 yrs. And 25 yrs gathered at Municipal office, Nandyal town to see the celbrity. Later, the celebrity along with 1000 youth proceeded as a rally without obtaining any permission from the police and concerned officials. The rally started from Municiapal Office via Padmavathi Nagar, Ramnath Reddy Nagar and arrived at the residence of Sri Silpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy, MLA, Nandyal & YSRCP MLA candidate in General Elections-2024 for APLA. The celebrity was welcomed by sri Shilpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy, YSRCP MLA candidate. By that time, about 2000 youth / fans gathered in front of the residence of Sri Silpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy in addition to the 1000 youth who reached the place in the form of a rally. From 12 noon to 12.05 PM, the celebrity Sri All Arjun, Sri Silpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy, his father Sri Silpa Mohan Reddy and some others came to

the balcony (1st floor) of Sri Silpa's House, gathered the people who gathered there and went into the house. Again from 12.35 PM to 12.40 PM, Sri Allu Arjun, Sri Silpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy and some others came to the balcony (1st Floor) of the same house, greeted the gathering and then went inside. At 1.30 PM, Sri Allu Arjun and Sri Silpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy came down and after a brief meeting with media, the celebrity Sri Allu Arjun left for Tirupathi. The 3000 youth / fans who gathered at the residence of the YSRCP MLA candidate remained there till his departure. Earlier, Sri Allu Arjun's visit to Nandyal was made viral in WhatsApp groups in Nandyal town since 10 PM of the previous day. Though the Superintendent of Police was well aware of the visit of the celebrity, no preventive action was taken by the district police led by the charged officer even though MCC is in force.

2. Only 11 police personnel were deployed by the district police by the charged officer for the celebrity's tour programme which was insufficient to control the young crowd.

3. Police should have dispersed the rally/crowd as permission was not sought/accorded for the rally druing the celbrity's visit or for the public gathering but the district police led by the charged officer took no such action.

4. The distance from the residence of MLA, Nandyal to the meeting place of leader of opposition is 650 metres only and as a principle, two public gatherings / meetings of viral poltical parties shall not be allowed at the same time and at the same location to avoid any untoward incident. But the district police led by the charged officer failed to follow the established protocols of crowd management and created potential law & order situation of conflict between the two groups.

5. Information about the incident was not given to the higher officers at State Police Headquarters by the charged officer.

Sri K.Raghuveera Reddy, IPS., Superintendent of Police, Nandyal, by his above mentioned acts, exhibited gross negligence of dutym misconduct and lack of devotion to duty and acted in a manner that is unbecoming of such employee and thereby violated Rule 3(1), 3(2), 3(2B)(xiii) of All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968.

Hence, the Charge.

Dr.K.S. JAWAHAR REDDY
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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAGHUVEERA REDDY, IPS, SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE, NANDYL DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. Priliminary enquiry report in C.No.184/SB-NDL/2024, dt.11.05.2024 of the SP, Nandyal addressed to the District Collector, Nandyal District.
2. Complaint dt.11.05.2024 of Sri P.Ramachandra Rao, Flying Squad Team, Shift-1, Team-II, 139-Nandyal Assembly constituency
3. FIR No.71/2024 U/s 188 IPC of Nandyal II Town PS

Any other document/documents will be filed on behalf of prosecution during the course of oral enquiry, if found necessary.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE – IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.RAGHUVEERA REDDY, IPS, SP, NANDYL DISTRICT ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Kurnool Range, Kurnool

Any other witness/witnesses will be examined on behalf of prosecution during the course of oral enquiry, if found necessary.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT